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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR : REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

JULIET O. NWOGA, R.N. License No. 26NR10335700

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE

OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Juliet O. Nwoga ("Respondent") is a registered 1. professional nurse in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. Upon receipt of a flagging notice indicating that Respondent was arrested on March 8, 2012 by the Voorhees Township Police Department for Aggravated Assault, N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1(b), Resisting Arrest-Physical Injury, N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2(a)(2), and Disorderly Conduct, N.J.S.A. 2C:33-2, the Board sent a letter of inquiry, requesting certain information and submission of documents, to Respondent's address of record in Sicklerville, New Jersey, via regular and certified mail on or about March 9, 2012.

The regular mailing was not returned; the United States Postal Service reports that the certified mailing was delivered in Sicklerville, New Jersey on March 14, 2012 at 2:59 p.m.

3. To date, Respondent has not responded to the Board's request for information.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's failure to respond to the Board's request for information and/or failure to provide the Board with a valid address of record constitute a failure to cooperate with a Board investigation, in contravention of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), subjecting Respondent to disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on May 10, 2012, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a \$200.00 civil penalty. A copy of the order was forwarded to respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written

evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Respondent replied to the order, and explained that she had neglected to advise the Board of a new address. However she failed to provide the information requested by the Board, including a copy of the municipal court Complaint or police report, information about her current employment, and documentation of continuing education completed within the past three years. Subsequently, respondent provided documentation that she had enrolled in Beacon Behavioral Health for treatment. The Board considered this matter, and determined that no material discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, inasmuch as respondent did not address her failure to directly respond to the questions originally posed by the Board. The Board therefore determined that additional proceedings were necessary, and that the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 19th day of July, 2012, ORDERED that:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice nursing be and hereby is suspended until such time as Respondent cooperates fully with the Board's investigation by providing the Board with the information requested in the Board's letter of inquiry.
- 2. A civil penalty in the amount of \$200.00 imposed upon Respondent. Payment shall be made by certified check or money

order, payable to the State of New Jersey, delivered to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Payment shall be made no later than 15 days after the entry of any Final Order of Discipline in this matter. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

- Upon finalization of this Order, Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a nurse and shall not represent herself as a Registered Professional Nurse until such time as her license is Any practice in this State prior to reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.
- Nothing herein precludes the Board from taking action on the underlying conduct that was originally the subject of inquiry in this matter.

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